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IRAQI ASSETS, COUNTER-TERRORIST FINANCING ISSUES

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¶1. (S/NF) Ambassador met with Government of Jordan GID chief Saad Khayr March 16, joined by DCM and ORCA chief, to review Department demarche (Ref A). Saad offered full cooperation and promised to get back to us on the February 16 request related to Iraqi assets. He offered similar cooperation on Hamas accounts; the ORCA chief said that shortly ORCA would be passing the list of accounts with Hamas associations. Saad noted that some of these Hamas accounts involved small sums of money moving through remoter Arab Bank branches, such as in Shtaura, Lebanon, making them hard to detect, but he would pursue each lead provided by us. He said Arab Bank has been cooperative with GID. He emphasized the importance of the Arab Bank to Jordan -- a dominant player in the economy. Saad said Jordan had a strong interest in doing what was necessary to make possible a positive decision on licensing the Arab Bank branch in Iraq, and clearly saw a link between full, transparent cooperation on these two sets of problems and the licensing issue.

NEW UNSCR 1483 ENTITIES - SADDAM'S DAUGHTERS

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¶2. (C) AMB also reviewed Reftel (C) demarche with Saad, which post had earlier delivered to the MFA (Ref B), and passed the list of new entities we will be presenting to the 1518 committee, which included Saddam's daughters. Saad went down the list but had no specific reaction.

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